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COAL INDUSTRY MAINTAINS  
OUTPUT AT PLAN LEVEL

DONBASS MINES FULFILL PLANS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 136, 11 Jun 49

Stalinc -- Mins No 29 imeni Stalin of "Ritchenkovugol" Trust has fulfilled the half-year plan ahead of schedule and is exceeding the mean progressive norm for coal mining.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 136, 11 Jun 49

Stalino -- Work is being stepped up in mines of "Krasnoarmyskugol" Trust. Miners of Mine No 40 have completed the half-year plan for coal mining ahead of schedule, and have pledged to deliver many trainloads of coal above the plan by Miner's Day, 28 August.

Section No 12 of the Mine imeni Dimitrov delivered several hundreds of tons of coal above the plan in June.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 133, 8 Jun 49

Stalino Oblast coal miners have mined thousands of tons of coking coal and anthracite above plan. Two outstanding trusts are "Staliningol" and "Chistyakovantseits". The former has produced 17.3 percent more coal this year than during the corresponding period of 1948, and the latter has increased output 16.3 percent.

Krasnaya Zvezda, No 136, 11 Jun 49

Miners of the largest mine in the Donbass, the "Kochegarka" Mine of "Gorlovakugol" Trust, have fulfilled the 1949 first half-year plan ahead of schedule. They have delivered 26,000 tons of coal above the plan instead of the 25,000 tons which they pledged.

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Trud, No 134, 9 Jun 49

At a trade-union meeting in Gorlovka, union members heard that the Gorlovka coal mines, which are included in the Artemigol' Combine, have surpassed the prewar level of mechanization of coal mining.

URAL MINERS EXCEED OBLIGATIONS -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 136, 11 Jun 49

Chelyabinsk -- Miners of the "Kopeyskugol'" Trust have more than fulfilled the obligations which they assumed. By reducing production costs they have made 500,000 rubles' profit. They have released nearly 2 million rubles of working capital and, revising their previous pledge, have promised to deliver additional hundreds of trainloads of coal above the plan before the end of the year.

LOW PRODUCTIVITY SLOWS TRANSBAYKAL OUTPUT -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 96, 18 May 49

Labor productivity in the Transbaykal coal mines must be increased sharply if the mines are to meet their pledge to complete the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. The productivity of workers in the main mining skills is still lagging behind the prewar level. Labor productivity of loaders is only 81 percent of the 1940 level and only 97 percent for workers in the stopes. An extremely large number of miners are not meeting their technical norms. The utilization of machinery in the majority of mines is far from satisfactory. The proportion of mechanized coal loading in the "Zabaykalsugol'" Trust is only 3.3 percent, cutting 31 percent, and loading coal and rock in stopes, 5 percent. Utilization of existing mechanized equipment is completely unsatisfactory. Inefficient worker discipline is another chief cause for the low productivity of labor and machines.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 98, 7 May 49

The Tignya Mine, Chita Oblast, completed the 5-month plan for coal mining on 29 April, saved 144,000 rubles by decreasing production costs, and accelerated the turnover of working capital by 2 days. The miners have pledged to mine 20 trainloads of coal above the 5-month plan by 28 August.

FAR EAST COAL INDUSTRY PROGRESSES -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 115, 18 May 49

In March and April, for the first time in 1½ years, workers of the "Bureyskaya" (Construction of Verkhne-Bureyskiy Mine Enterprises) Administration met the State plan and considerably exceeded it. Coal miners have also improved their work, exceeding the April plan almost 100 percent and recovering the losses incurred in the first quarter.

The Party bureau and the mine administration are now developing organizational plans for further improvement of coal mining and labor productivity. Cutter and pneumatic drills are being introduced and electrification of hauling will soon be completed. Popov, secretary of the rayon committee, Semenov, member of the bureau, and instructor Kochetov remained for a long period in the Nimano-Urgal'skiy Mine, the Yurik Mine, and the Kolkhoz imeni Kolesov in order to train agitators and instructors and conduct Party conferences.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 113, 15 May 49

The Verkhne-Bureyskiy Rayon newspaper, Gornyye Soverya, recently published some figures on the economic development of the rayon. During 1948 - 1949, 4,876 square meters of housing and ten dormitories for miners have been built in the Urgal Mine Administration. Eight new stores have been opened in the settlements of Chegdonyn, Tyrna, and Yagdyn'ya, and at Urgal Station. The majority of young miners working in Urgal have completed FZO school.

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Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 116, 19 May '49

In connection with the reorganization of the representative agency of the "Sakhalinugol" Combine in the city of Khabarovsk, all institutions and organizations which have mutual accounts with the agency are asked to present claims at the Vladivostok Office of "Sakhalinugol'snab" at 30-A Kolkhoznaya Street, Vladivostok. Claims will not be accepted after 1 June 1949.

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